



Grants Alert

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HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$170,584 IN E-RATE FUNDING FOR 15th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) has announced that various school districts in the 15th Congressional District have received a total of \$170,584.04 in funding under the E-Rate program, which provides discounts between 20 and 90 percent to schools and libraries for the cost of education technology (Internet Access and Telecom Services). The funding represents discounts that schools will receive for specific technology needs, including Internet services and access, telecommunications, and internal connections needed to bring information straight to schools and libraries.

“The idea of a global classroom is becoming more and more of a reality,” said Hinojosa. “Rural and low- to moderate-income communities and school districts cannot be left behind as technology provides students with increased learning opportunities. The E-Rate program provides libraries and school districts with the tools they need to connect to our communities to the vital flow of information and resources in cyberspace.”

The E-Rate program will provide more than \$2.1 billion in discounts to tens of thousands of schools, with the costs being covered by the Universal Service Fund, until the fund is exhausted. The E-Rate's first funding priority is for telecommunications services and Internet access, and the second funding priority is for internal connections and wiring at schools and libraries, until the fund is exhausted.

Below are this round's recipients:



Santa Rosa Independent School District	\$115,847.69
Schulenburg Independent School District	\$20,916.99
Yoakum Independent School District	\$33,819.36

Total ——> \$170,584.04



HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES GRANT FOR VALLEY AIDS COUNCIL IN HARLINGEN

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) has announced that the Valley AIDS Council in Harlingen has received a \$254,320 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

"Providing comprehensive and quality healthcare for all Americans is of the greatest priority," said Hinojosa. "The Valley AIDS Council is a vital resource for those living with HIV or AIDS in the Valley. I congratulate them on this award, and know they will continue offering exceptional services and care."

Valley AIDS Council is a private, nonprofit organization which provides primary outpatient health care and support services to HIV/AIDS patients living in Hidalgo, Cameron, and Willacy Counties. Programs are funded through grants from the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and the Department of Health and Human Services as well as the United Way and the Levi Strauss Foundation. Patient eligibility is based upon documentation of an HIV diagnosis and residency in one of the counties above. VAC maintains service sites in Harlingen, McAllen, and Brownsville. HIV counseling and testing are provided at all three sites.

HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FOR CITY OF HARLINGEN AND BLUEBONNET VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has awarded the City of Harlingen and the Bluebonnet Volunteer Fire Department with Operations and Safety Grants. The City of Harlingen received \$168,000 and the Bluebonnet Volunteer Fire Department received \$58,425. These Operations and Firefighter Safety Program grants may be used for training, equipment, personal protective equipment, wellness and fitness, and modifications to fire stations and facilities.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) awards one-year grants directly to fire departments to support the nation's firefighters and the services they deliver. For the 2004 program, \$750 million was made available in direct assistance to firefighters to improve the effectiveness of firefighting operations, firefighter health and safety programs, and to establish or expand fire prevention programs throughout the country. The Department's Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) administers the program, in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

"Guaranteeing that our first responders have the training, equipment and resources they need to protect our communities is an integral part of overall preparedness," said Hinojosa. "Following disasters like Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, it is far too evident that our police and fire departments are integral parts to an overall response. Ensuring that they have the resources to help during times of national crisis, as well as their day-to-day duties, is of the utmost importance."

The grants are intended to supplement a fire department's current budget rather than supplant it.

Funding Opportunities

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Collaborative Research Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 11/01/2005

Collaborative Research Grants support: original research undertaken by a team of two or more scholars; or research coordinated by an individual scholar that, because of its scope or complexity, requires additional staff and resources beyond the individual's salary.

Maximum Grant Size: \$100,000

Eligible Applicants: U.S. nonprofit organizations or institutions; state and local governmental agencies and Native American tribal organizations; and U.S. citizens or foreign nationals who have been living in the United States or its jurisdictions for at least the three years immediately prior to the time of application. Applicants affiliated with an eligible institution must apply through an institution, ordinarily their own institution. Adjunct faculty may apply as individuals.

Contact: Division of Research Programs; Phone: 202-606-8200; Email: collaborative@neh.gov

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/collaborative.html>

National Leadership Grants for Libraries

Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS)

Deadline: 02/01/2006

National Leadership Grants enable libraries and museums to help all individuals attain the knowledge, skills, attitudes, behaviors, and resources that enhance their engagement in community, work, family, and society. Projects should enable libraries and museums to address current problems in creative ways, develop and test innovative solutions, and expand the boundaries within which cultural heritage institutions operate. The results of these projects will help equip tomorrow's libraries and museums to better meet the needs of a Nation of Learners.

Maximum Grant Size: \$100,000,000

Eligible Applicants: All types of libraries, except federal and for-profit libraries, may apply. Eligible libraries include public, school, academic, special, private (not-for-profit), archives, library agencies, library consortia, and library associations. In addition, research libraries and archives that give the public access to services and materials suitable for scholarly research not otherwise available and that are not part of a university or college are eligible.

Contact: Martha Crawley; Phone: 202-653-4667; Email: mcrawley@imls.gov

Website: http://www.imls.gov/grants/library/lib_nlg.asp

Landmarks of History and Culture: Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 11/7/05

As part of its We the People initiative, and in partnership with the Pew Charitable Trusts, NEH seeks proposals for two one-week residence-based workshops for K-12 educators that would bring two groups of 50 school teachers drawn from schools from throughout the United States to Philadelphia for intensive study of the life of Benjamin Franklin--civic leader, publisher, inventor, and citizen of Philadelphia--with a particular focus on his contributions to American government and civic life.

Maximum Grant Size: \$160,000

Number of Awards: 1

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S., nonprofit, IRS tax-exempt organization is eligible to apply. State and local governments and tribal governments are also eligible. Individuals are ineligible.

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NEH generally does not award grants to other federal entities or to applicants whose projects are so closely intertwined with a federal entity that the project takes on characteristics of the federal entity's own authorized activities. This does not preclude applicants from using grant funds from, or sites and materials controlled by, other federal entities in their projects, as long as these resources are not used as gifts to release NEH matching funds.

Contact: Division of Education Programs, Phone: 202-606-8463, Email: sem-inst@neh.gov

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/landmarksfranklinrfp.html#eligibility>

CHILDREN, YOUTH, ELDERLY AND FAMILIES

Assets for Independence Demonstration Program #3

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Deadline: 11/1/2005

The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services (OCS) will accept applications for financial assistance to establish and administer Assets for Independence (AFI) Projects. These projects assist low-income people in becoming economically self-sufficient. They do so by teaching project participants about economic and consumer issues and enabling them to establish matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDA) in order to save for a first home, a business or higher education. Grantees must participate in an on-going national evaluation of the impact of AFI Projects and IDAs.

Total Funding Available: \$18,000,000

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,000,000

Number of Awards: 50-60

Eligible Applicants: State governments; County governments; City or township governments; Special district governments; Independent school districts; State controlled institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); Public Housing authorities/Indian housing authorities; Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments); and Non-profits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education. Both Faith and Community-based organizations having 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service are eligible to apply. State, tribal, county, or local governments; school districts; public housing authorities; and other governments or agencies are eligible only as joint-applicants with a non-profit organization having 501(c)(3) status. Low-Income Credit Unions and Community Development Financial Institutions are eligible only if they demonstrate a strong collaborative relationship with one or more local community-based organization(s) that seek to address poverty and the economic needs of community residents. Such community-based organizations may be any number of types of entities such as philanthropic foundations, community foundations, for-profit organizations, or non-profit organizations. If a non-profit, they are not required to have 501(c)(3) status.

Contact: James Gatz, Phone: 202-401-4626, Email: afiprogram@acf.hhs.gov

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2005-ACF-OCS-EI-0053.html>

EDUCATION

Women's Sports Foundation GoGirlGo! Grant and Educational Program

Deadline: 03/15/06

The Foundation provides financial assistance to sports and physical activity programs seeking to add new or expanded program participation opportunities for an under-served population of girls, particularly economically disadvantaged girls and/or girls from populations with high incidences of health-risk behaviors.

Maximum Award: varies

Funding Opportunities

Eligible Applicants: 501(c)(3) program status or nonprofits with a demonstrated ability to deliver girls' sport/physical activity programming to girls in third to eighth grade. If the program does not have nonprofit status, it may be possible to receive a grant under support of a local fiscal agent. Applications will be available December 15, 2005.

Website: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/funding/results.html>

Tiger Woods Foundation Grants

Deadline: 11/01/2005

Tiger Woods Foundation grants focus on providing opportunities to children who are underserved, focusing on programs and projects that enhance the learning process for children and transitional programs for young adults to become productive adults.

Maximum Award: \$25,000

Eligible Applicants: 501(c) 3 organizations; see website for further stipulations.

Website: <http://www.twfound.org/grants/deadlines.sps?itype=7610>

Nickelodeon Announces Giveaway Program to Encourage Healthy Play

Deadline: rolling, until 05/31/06

Children's television network Nickelodeon will distribute more than \$1 million from September 2005 to June 2006. The "Let's Just Play" Giveaway offers kids around the United States the opportunity to take action and enter for a chance to improve their school or community program's fitness resources.

Maximum Award: \$5000

Eligible Applicants: Kids (6-15 years of age), partnering with teachers and other community-based leaders.

Website: http://www.nick.com/all_nick/everything_nick/

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, NC: Outdoor Classroom Grant Program

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, International Paper and National Geographic Explorer! classroom magazine have partnered to create an outdoor classroom grant program to provide schools with additional resources to improve their science curriculum by engaging students in hands-on experiences outside the traditional classroom.

Maximum Grant Size: \$20,000

Number of Awards: 100

Eligible Applicants: All K-12 public schools in the United States (excluding Puerto Rico) are welcome to apply.

Website: <http://www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=pq&p=AboutLowe/outdoor/index.html%20>

Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program

Deadline: 12/10/2005

The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program (JFMF) provides U.S. primary and secondary school teachers and administrators with the opportunity to participate in three-week study visits to Japan and to return home with a follow-on plan designed to introduce Japanese culture to American students. Each year, up to 600 teachers and administrators, including participants from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, are selected to participate in the JFMF program.

The JFMF Program features an orientation to Japan followed by visits to primary and secondary schools, teacher training colleges, cultural sites, and industrial facilities. Meetings with Japanese teachers and students and a home stay with a Japanese family are also key components of the program. Participants return home to share their new knowledge with students, colleagues, and the local community, ensuring that more than just the individual participants profit from the experience. As an additional benefit to participants, graduate level credits are also available.

Website: <http://www.iie.org/jfmf>

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EDMAP-The Educational Component of the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program

Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Acquisition and Grants

Deadline: 11/18/05

The primary objective of the EDMAP component of the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP) is to train the next generation of geologic mappers. To do this NCGMP provides funds for graduate and selected undergraduate students in academic research projects that involve geologic mapping as a major component. Through these cooperative agreements NCGMP hopes to expand the research and educational capacity of academic programs that teach earth science students the techniques of geologic mapping and field data analysis.

Estimated Funding: \$483,872.00

Expected Number of Awards: 50

Eligible Applicants: Public and State controlled institutions of higher education and private institutions of higher education. Because the EDMAP component of the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program is specifically aimed at assisting students in accordance with Public Law 106-148 (National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 1999), the program solicits applications only from institutions with geology departments or programs.

Apply online at: <http://apply.grants.gov/GetGrantFromFedgrants>

Secondary and Two-Year Postsecondary Agriculture Education Challenge Grants Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)

Deadline: 1/12/2006

The purpose of the Secondary and Two-Year Postsecondary Agriculture Education Challenge (SPEC) Grants Program is to promote and strengthen teaching programs in agriscience and agribusiness, at secondary and 2-year postsecondary institutions, by enhancing curricula, increasing faculty teaching competencies, promoting higher education to prepare students for scientific and professional careers, incorporating agriscience or agribusiness subject matter into other instructional programs, facilitating joint initiatives among other educational institutions, and to respond to identified State, regional, national or international educational needs.

Maximum Grant Size: \$50,000

Eligible Applicants: Applications may be submitted by public secondary schools or by public or private nonprofit junior and community colleges.

Contact: P. Gregory Smith, Phone: 202-720-1973, Email: gsmith@csrees.usda.

Website: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/06_sec_challenge.pdf

Interactions between Mathematical Sciences and Engineering

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Funding Opportunities

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The NSF-wide Mathematical Sciences Priority Area (MSPA), the Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS) and the Directorate for Engineering (ENG) anticipate funding projects of mutual interest. The research envisioned in this program will seek to build new mathematical and statistical methods and structures within the context of meaningful engineering applications. Appropriate for inclusion under this program are proposals that address the broad topical areas of large data sets (e.g., inference, learning and real-time dynamic optimization), modeling and handling uncertainty (e.g., decision-making under uncertainty) and enhancing the understanding and management of complex systems (e.g., modeling, control and optimization of systems involving multiple scales in time and space). Proposed projects should be innovative and strive for breakthroughs rather than incremental improvement, and should be of compelling independent interest within both the engineering and mathematical and statistical sciences communities. Proposals should focus on developing, extending and analyzing general-purpose mathematical and statistical methods. Efforts at a greater unification of methods, approaches and principles are welcome.

Funding Available: \$5,800,000

Number of Awards: 25

Eligible applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

Information Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Deadline: 11/02/2005

ITEST is designed to increase the opportunities for students and teachers to learn about, experience, and use information technologies within the context of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), including Information Technology (IT) courses. It is in direct response to the concern about shortages of information technology workers in the United States. Supported projects are intended to provide opportunities for both school-age children and for teachers to build the skills and knowledge needed to advance their study, and to function and contribute in a technologically rich society. ITEST has two components: (a) youth-based projects with strong emphases on career and educational paths; and (b) comprehensive projects for students and teachers.

Maximum Grant Size: \$400,000

Number of Awards: 10-12

Eligible Applicants: All organizations with an educational mission are eligible. Proposals targeting minorities, persons with disabilities and women are especially encouraged.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

Funding Opportunities

Interactions between the Mathematical Sciences and the Physical Sciences

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Deadline: 12/20/2005

The NSF-wide Mathematical Sciences Priority Area, the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences anticipates funding projects of interest to both the mathematical sciences and the physical sciences divisions (astronomy, chemistry, materials research, and physics). Proposals appropriate to this program are those that address at least one of the following broad interdisciplinary topic areas: (1) mathematical and statistical challenges posed by large data sets, (2) managing and modeling uncertainty, and (3) modeling complex nonlinear systems. Proposed projects should be innovative and strive for breakthroughs rather than incremental improvement, and should be of compelling independent interest within both the physical sciences and mathematical and statistical sciences communities. Requests for supplementary funding that will significantly enhance existing projects in these areas and for workshops will also be considered.

Total Funding Available: \$5,100,000

Number of Awards: 25-35

Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

Interactions between Mathematical Sciences and Computer Science

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Deadline: 03/01/2006

The Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS) of the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences and the Division of Computing and Communication Foundations (CCF) of the Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering of the National Science Foundation (NSF) plan to support projects of mutual interest in specific areas. More precisely, they plan to support research and development teams focusing on mathematical and computational innovations relevant to the following areas of specific interest:

- Mathematical and statistical models, computational theory and algorithms for high-dimensional, under-sampled data sets
- Algorithms for scalable scientific computation
- Models and algorithms for graphics and visualization

As this joint funding will focus on areas of mutual interest, proposals must originate from teams involving collaborators of mathematical scientists and computer scientists.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Number of Awards: 5-10

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Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

Interactions between Mathematical Sciences and Engineering

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Deadline: Open/Rolling

As part of the NSF-wide Mathematical Sciences Priority Area (MSPA), the Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS) and the Directorate for Engineering (ENG) anticipate funding projects of mutual interest. The research envisioned in this program will seek to build new mathematical and statistical methods and structures within the context of meaningful engineering applications. Appropriate for inclusion under this program are proposals that address the broad topical areas of large data sets (e.g., inference, learning and real-time dynamic optimization), modeling and handling uncertainty (e.g., decision-making under uncertainty) and enhancing the understanding and management of complex systems (e.g., modeling, control and optimization of systems involving multiple scales in time and space). Proposed projects should be innovative and strive for breakthroughs rather than incremental improvement, and should be of compelling independent interest within both the engineering and mathematical and statistical sciences communities. Proposals should focus on developing, extending and analyzing general-purpose mathematical and statistical methods. Efforts at a greater unification of methods, approaches and principles are welcome.

Total Funding Available: \$5,800,000

Number of Awards: 25

Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

Higher Education Challenge Grants Program

Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Office of Extramural Programs

Deadline: 02/06/2005

The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service requests applications for the Higher Education Challenge Grants Program (HEC) for fiscal year 2006 to stimulate and enable colleges and universities to provide the quality of education necessary to produce baccalaureate or higher degree level graduates capable of strengthening the Nation's food and agricultural scientific and professional workforce. The purpose of HEC is to strengthen institutional capabilities to improve teaching programs in the food and agricultural sciences or in rural economic, community and business development, including curriculum, faculty, scientific instrumentation, instructional delivery systems, and student recruitment and retention, to respond to identified State, regional, national or international educational needs.

Total Funding Available: \$5,500,000

Eligible Applicants: Applications may be submitted by:

- U.S. public or private nonprofit colleges and universities offering a baccalaureate or first professional degree in at least one discipline or area of the food and agricultural sciences;
- land-grant colleges and universities (including land grant institutions in the Insular Areas);
- colleges and universities having significant minority enrollments and a demonstrable capacity to carry out the teaching of food and agricultural sciences; and

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other colleges and universities having a demonstrable capacity to carry out the teaching of food and agricultural sciences.

Contact: P. Gregory Smith, Phone: 202-702-1973, Email: gsmith@csrees.usda.gov

Website: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/hep_challenge.html

HEALTH

Medicare Health Care Quality Demonstration Programs

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Deadline: 1/30/2006

This notice informs eligible health care groups of an opportunity to apply to participate in the Medicare Health Care Quality demonstration. The goal of the demonstration is to improve the quality of care and services delivered to Medicare beneficiaries through a major system redesign that fosters best practice guideline usage, continuous quality and patient safety improvement, shared decision making between providers and patients, and the delivery of culturally and ethnically appropriate care. A competitive process will be used to select 8 to 12 health care organizations (that is, physician group practices, integrated delivery systems, and regional coalitions of physician group practices and integrated delivery systems) to participate in the 5-year demonstration. The application solicitation will be conducted in two phases.

Eligible Applicants: Physician groups, integrated delivery systems, and organizations representing regional coalitions of physician groups or integrated delivery systems are eligible to apply.

Contact: Cynthia Mason, Email: [mma646@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:mmma646@cms.hhs.gov), Phone: 410-786-6680.

The Obese and Diabetic Intrauterine Environment: Long-term Metabolic or Cardiovascular Consequences in the Offspring

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: 02/16/2006

The objective of this RFA is to support mechanistic research investigating the effects of maternal obesity, gestational diabetes or diabetes on the development of obesity and other metabolic and cardiovascular diseases or cancer in the offspring. This is a new and burgeoning area with important clinical implications. Thus, the applications solicited by this RFA should not only elucidate factors involved in the etiology of obesity in the offspring of obese mothers but in addition, should provide the scientific basis whereby future prevention and intervention studies in humans can be developed. Proposed studies in murine, rat and large animal models, like sheep and non-human primates, should be focused on identifying the potential mechanisms mediating the proposed long-term consequences of maternal obesity or diabetes on the offspring. Outcome variables should not be limited solely to the weight of the offspring but should also include specific measurement of biological endpoints in appropriate tissues such as the brain, adipocyte, heart and vasculature, placenta, endothelium, mammary gland or pancreatic islet. Pilot studies demonstrating the feasibility of conducting ethical and appropriate studies in humans will also be considered. Studies conducted in non-human primates and where possible, in humans, are encouraged.

Maximum Grant Size: \$275,000

Number of Awards: 12-14

Eligible Applicants: You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics:

- For-profit organizations
- Non-profit organizations
- Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories
- Units of State government

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- Units of local government
- Eligible agencies of the Federal government

Foreign Institutions

Any individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research is invited to work with their institution to develop an application for support. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply for NIH programs.

Contact: Karen Teff, Phone: 301-451-7335, Email: kt216q@nih.gov

Interdisciplinary Partnerships in Environmental Health Sciences

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: 12/11/05

The objective of this initiative is to foster scientific collaboration between clinical and basic investigators to accelerate the application of basic research results into the clinical setting to improve human health in those areas where environmental factors are known or expected to influence the development or progression of human disease. Scientific knowledge achieved through this research program is expected to move the field of environmental health sciences into new directions and approaches for the identification, treatment, and prevention of environmentally-related diseases or disorders. Through this initiative, the NIEHS will support both the development of new collaborations between researchers with basic and clinical expertise and the continued efforts of existing collaborations. Both activities must directly support the integration of clinical and basic science research.

Maximum Grant Size: \$450,000

Number of Awards: 8-10

Eligible Applicants: You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics:

- For-profit organizations
- Non-profit organizations
- Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories
- Units of State government
- Units of local government
- Eligible agencies of the Federal government
- Foreign Institutions

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Website: <http://www.nih.gov>

Intervention and Practice Research for Combat Related Mental Disorders and Stress Reactions

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: 12/28/05

The sponsoring agencies jointly issue this Request for Applications (RFA) to enhance and accelerate research on the identification, prevention and treatment of combat related posttraumatic psychopathology and similar adjustment problems. This RFA targets studies involving active-duty or recently separated, National Guard and Reserve troops involved in current and recent military operations (e.g., Iraq and Afghanistan). The sponsoring agencies encourage collaborations involving VA, DOD, and other clinicians and researchers that provide screening, assessment, and/or direct care (resilience building, early intervention/prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, maintenance) to groups and individuals who are at-risk, combat exposed, and/or diagnosed with posttraumatic psychopathology.

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Total Funding Available: \$1,500,000

Number of Awards: 4 - 6

Eligible Applicants: You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics: For-profit organizations, Non-profit organizations, public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories. Also: units of State government, units of local government, eligible agencies of the Federal government, foreign Institutions, domestic Institutions, faith-based or community-based organizations, units of State Tribal government, units of Local Tribal government.

Contact: Farris Tuma, Phone: 301-443-3648, Email: ftuma@nih.gov

Website: <http://www.nih.gov>

Health Behavior Change in Mental Disorders Modeled from HIV Interventions

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: 11/21/2005

Much has been learned from research investigating behavioral interventions to prevent the spread of HIV and its numerous health consequences. Some of the strategies developed from HIV behavioral research such as targeting multiple risk factors, integrating behavioral interventions with medical treatment delivery, and intervening at multiple system levels (e.g., individual, community, organization, socio-cultural) could inform research to develop efficacious health behavior interventions for people with mental disorders. Although HIV has a clearly defined etiology while mental disorder etiologies are complex and less well understood, behavioral interventions for HIV could serve as a model to stimulate health behavior intervention research related to the function, disability, morbidity, and mortality of people with mental disorders. The purpose of this request for applications is to encourage innovative research in health behavior change among those with mental disorders that is informed by research from behavioral interventions for HIV/AIDS.

Total Grant Size: \$250,000

Number of Awards: 4 – 5

Eligible Applicants: You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics: For-profit organizations, Non-profit organizations, public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories. Also: units of State government, units of local government, eligible agencies of the Federal government, foreign Institutions, domestic Institutions, faith-based or community-based organizations, units of State Tribal government, units of Local Tribal government.

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Enhancing Practice Improvement in Community-Based Care for Prevention and Treatment of Drug Abuse or Co-occurring Drug Abuse and Mental Disorders

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: 11/18/2005

Community-based providers of services to prevent or treat substance abuse and related problems or co-occurring substance abuse and mental disorders are well-situated to bridge the gaps between science-based innovations and everyday service practices. This initiative is designed to strengthen the capacity of community-based providers with sufficient

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numbers of participants, sufficient numbers of sites, and sufficient site size and diversity to study and ultimately support system-wide assessment of existing or newly adopted therapeutic and/or business policies and practices. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), with support from the National Institute on Mental Health (NIMH) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), will provide grants to community-based providers to use rigorous research designs to conduct preliminary or pilot studies of (a) the adoption, implementation, and sustained use of science-based policies and practices, and (b) the effectiveness of existing promising but unproven policies and practices, with the ultimate goal of practice improvement.

Maximum Grant Size: \$150,000

Number of Awards: 8-12

Eligible Applicants: You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics: For-profit organizations, Non-profit organizations, public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories. Also: units of State government, units of local government, eligible agencies of the Federal government, foreign Institutions, domestic Institutions, faith-based or community-based organizations, units of State Tribal government, units of Local Tribal government.

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Website: <http://www.nih.gov>

NATURE, CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Youth Garden Grants Program

Deadline: 11/30/2005

150 child-centered, outdoor garden programs will receive Home Depot gift cards. Program emphasis is on education, plant-to-food connections, environmental awareness, entrepreneurship, or social aspects of gardening.

Maximum Award: \$500 gift cards for the purchase of gardening materials and supplies

Eligible Applicants: Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups throughout the United States. Applicants must plan to garden in 2006 with at least 15 children between the ages of three and 18 years

Website: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp>

American Hiking Society National Trails Fund

Deadline: 11/01/2005

American Hiking Society created the National Trails Fund in 1998, the only privately supported national grants program providing funding to grassroots organizations working toward establishing, protecting and maintaining foot trails in America.

73 million people enjoy foot trails annually, yet many of our favorite trails need major repairs due to a \$200 million backlog of badly needed maintenance. National Trails Fund grants help give local organizations the resources they need to secure access, volunteers, tools and materials to protect America's cherished public trails.

For 2005, American Hiking distributed over \$40,000 in grants thanks to the generous support of [Cascade Designs](#) and [L.L.Bean](#), the program's Charter Sponsors.

To date, American Hiking has granted more than \$240,000 to 56 different trail projects across the U.S. for land acquisition, constituency building campaigns, and traditional trail work projects.

Maximum Award: \$500-\$10,000

Funding Opportunities

Eligible Applicants: Local organizations

Website: <http://www.americanhiking.org/alliance/fund.html>

Urban Forest Project

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Deadline: 11/1/2005

Pre-proposals addressing the categories described below will be accepted through the close of business on Tuesday, November 1, 2005. The pre-proposals must have national scope or widespread application, and include a clear, national distribution or outreach plan for the findings. Local tree-planting projects, capital improvements to property of any ownership, and/or projects that have only a local impact and applicability will not be considered for funding. Urban and community forestry projects with a local scope of work should contact their State Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator for assistance in identifying funding alternatives at the local level.

- Category 1: Innovative Urban and Community Forestry for Minority and Underserved Populations
- Category 2: Advancing the Emerging Field of Green Infrastructure and Sustainable Urban Ecosystem Development
- Category 3: Innovative Urban and Community Forestry Research and Technology Development

Category 4: Specially Targeted Projects of National Significance

Funding Available: \$1,000,000

Eligible Applicants: Any non-Federal organization, operating within the United States or its territories, may apply for a Challenge Cost-Share grant. Collaboration with Federal agencies is encouraged; however, a Federal agency may not receive funding through this grant program. (Conflict of interest issues will be addressed appropriately.) Individuals are not eligible.

Contact: Suzanne del Villar, Phone: 909-585-9268, Email: sdelvillar@fs.fed.us.

Website: <http://www.treeblink.org>

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Deadline: Rolling / Open

Over 70 percent of our Nation's landscape is in private ownership. The health of our fish and wildlife populations depend on habitat found on private lands. The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program provides assistance to private landowners who want to restore or improve habitat on their property. The demand for this service is strong--since the program began, landowner interest has out-paced the Service's delivery capacity. In many States, there is a waiting list of landowners interested in participating. Our restoration projects may include, but are not limited to: • Restoring wetland hydrology by plugging drainage ditches, breaking tile drainage systems, installing water control structures, dike construction, and re-establishing old connections with waterways • Planting native trees and shrubs in formerly forested wetlands and other habitats. • Planting native grasslands and other vegetation. • Installing fencing and off-stream livestock watering facilities to allow for restoration of stream and riparian areas. • Removal of exotic plants and animals that compete with native fish and wildlife and alter their natural habitats. • Prescribed burning as a method of removing exotic species and to restore natural disturbance regimes necessary for some species survival. • Reconstruction of in-stream aquatic habitat through bioengineering techniques. • Reestablishing fish passage for migratory fish by removing barriers to movement.

Maximum Grant Size: \$25,000

Funding Opportunities

Eligible Applicants: any privately-owned land is potentially eligible for restoration. Most of the applicants are individual landowners. For the purposes of this program "privately-owned" generally means lands not owned by a State or the Federal government. Tribes, schools, local governments, businesses and organizations are examples of eligible applicants.

Contact: Branch of Habitat Restoration, Phone: 703-358-2201

Website: <http://www.fws.gov>

TRANSPORTATION

Bikes Belong Coalition Grants Program

Deadline: 11/28/2005

This program is dedicated to creating a network of communities throughout the United States where people of all ages will have the accommodation and ability to bicycle for recreation and transportation. Its mission is to put more people on bicycles more often.

Maximum Award: \$10,000

Eligible Applicants: The Bikes Belong Coalition welcomes grant applications from organizations and agencies within the United States that are committed to putting more people on bicycles more often.

Website: <http://bikesbelong.org/site/page.cfm?PageID=21>

For information on these and other funding opportunities, please contact:

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